

# THE LEDGER.

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The latest touch of art is for young ladies to wear a hand painted blush on each cheek.

The oyster does not belong to the human race. There are seasons when he keeps his mouth shut.

The LEDGER, as usual, is the only paper to give a full and complete account of the killing which took place last Friday.

The Rush Hill dramatic company seems to be acquiring quite a reputation and looms up in the theatrical world like an elephant in a fog.

We would gladly have published a report of the annual meeting of the Auldrin Bible Society, but as no report was furnished us, we submit with a smile.

Parties who owe the LEDGER old debts, and are able to pay, had as well come up and pay what they owe, as to be dunned personally and by name through the columns of the LEDGER.

Mrs. Calhoun, wife of Wallace Calhoun, now charged with the killing of Wm. Patterson, colored, when in Mexico this week, was inquiring after the latest styles in spring bonnets. Styles down even the deepest troubles.

Sheriff Wilson, of Malvern, Iowa, was in our city on Saturday. He is the sheriff who captured the notorious thief and train robber Pike Wells. He shows the scars of the terrible battle he had with the noted outlaw.

The lightest punishment that could be inflicted on Wallace Calhoun, now in jail for killing Wm. Patterson, is a fine of \$100. The highest punishment would be death by hanging. We do not know that he will get either limit.

Prof. Horace Williams, formerly of Mexico, now of Brownsville, Mo., and Mr. J. F. Llewellyn, of this city, who visited the scene of the disaster last week, have our thanks for interesting letters, written by our request, elsewhere in this issue.

We learn that Florida, Mo., is to have a newspaper. We don't think it will be long till every family has a newspaper of its own. The only trouble will be when every man gets to running a newspaper there will be no one left to be book agents.

Some of the candidates feel hard because they do not get editorial notices in the LEDGER. Our columns are at their service. We aim to treat all men alike. We charge 25c a line for editorial notices and the more lines you take the better we are pleased.

The Denver (Col.) Great West says: Phoebe Cousins, L. L. B., which means Lady Lawyer, Byington, wants to be a Utah Commissioner. As she has never been married any herself it may be pleasant to her to be around where matrimony obtains to some extent. We favor the appointment.

Some people find fault because Bob Ford or Governor Crittenden did not go to Jesse James and ask him politely and with a bow to surrender or be shot. Did Jesse James ask his victims to surrender or be shot? Did he give bank cashiers, or conductors, or train loads or women and children a chance for their lives? Verily, his death was a fit ending of his life.

Our friend Squire Hooton, who has an eye to beauty and a taste for the aesthetic, one day last week took a bite out of a ball of potato, thinking it was an orange or a turnip. For several days the Squire had a very sore mouth. He was compelled to talk on his fingers and it is useless to say that he cannot express himself near so definitely and emphatically in this manner as he can with his mouth.

Last Saturday we received an endless poem on beautiful snow, written for the LEDGER and dedicated to the same by Mrs. Morgan Shaw, now of Centralia. She belongs to the holiness band and there is no telling how soon her address will be changed, only it is out of date and too long. It has neither meter nor rhyme; neither beginning or ending, pith or point, but we must say its originality is refreshing. As an original writer Mrs. Shaw takes the bakery. If she would utilize the energy wasted in writing articles, poems and letters for the LEDGER she could conquer worlds and have the universe at her feet, or at least have meat and bread in the house for her family.

Apologies of circuses, menageries and elephants, we are reminded of an incident that happened some time since. When George Leslie Ferris was married he, among the various other places of interest, with his wife, visited the Zoological gardens in St. Louis. While looking at a large elephant, there, Leslie was feeding him with crackers, and his wife, putting her foot forward under the guard rope, jokingly said to him, "take this." The elephant took her at her word and by her foot. Lapping his trunk around her ankle he pulled her under the rope and lifted her off the ground, and except for prompt assistance, would perhaps have inflicted serious injury. Mrs. Ferris is still a great admirer of elephants, but her admiration is fully equalled by the distance she keeps from them.

## WRECKED BY THE WINDS.

Brownsville Blown to the Earth—11 Killed and Many Wounded—Terrible Loss of Property—Graphic Account of the Storm.

Correspondence of the Ledger.  
BROWNVILLE, MO., April 26th.—It is a sickening task to sit down in the very midst of desolation and death and write an account of its terrors and miseries—the heart recoils from such a scene—and words can but inadequately convey the reality—but to the sad work.

On Tuesday afternoon about four o'clock large masses of green, dark looking clouds were seen to gather afar away to the southwest of Brownsville; these clouds were livid with lightning and seemed to be coming in a northeasterly direction. The air was sultry and warm, and a very hazy, steamy kind of atmosphere seemed to overspread the town. There is a large extent of bottom land to the southwest and west of the town, through which runs the streams, Davis Creek and Blackwater, and it was soon apparent that a terrific cyclone was rushing through this area toward the town. The crashing of falling timber, the rumble and roar and the unearthly howling of the giant demon as it sped with rapid strides toward us will never be forgotten by those who heard it. It was but a moment of dread suspense—a time for the soul to look to God, who rules the tempest and the sunshine—death in its most horrid form was imminent. On every side could be seen crowds of frenzied and terrified. The shrieks and cries of women and children in despair, the wild roaring of the powerful monster as it approached is more than this pencil can describe. It reached us at 4:30. The work of havoc did not exceed 2 minutes; it darted here and there through the town dealing death and destruction everywhere, and was gone, carrying in its devouring arms the labor of years. Every conceivable thing was wrenched, twisted, uprooted and hurled through the air with lightning speed, and after its path—a space of about 200 yards—nothing but wreck and ruin remained.

NAMES OF THE KILLED.  
Con. White, city marshal; Chas. Meyer, merchant; Richard Ferguson, clerk; James Miller, laborer; George Payne, farmer; Matt. Williams, farmer; Albert Scruggs, farmer; Edward F. Arthur, Pittsburg, Pa.  
DIED OF WOUNDS.  
W. R. Parsons, A. H. Sturke, Mrs. Halpin.  
WOUNDED.  
J. E. H. Jackson, lumber merchant, wounded in spine, very serious.  
W. H. Steer, terribly bruised.  
A. P. Wilson, of J. T. Wilson & Co., leg broken.  
C. M. Kelly, druggist, leg broken.  
W. T. Sim, carriage works, badly mangled.  
S. Chapline, clerk, badly bruised.  
E. B. Kuntz, clerk, shaken and bruised.  
R. W. Hickman, of Slater, leg badly bruised.  
W. A. Rembert, arm badly hurt.  
Allen Chipley, considerably cut up.  
Jimmy Matthews, badly hurt.  
Mrs. Edwards, cut in the arm.  
Mrs. Gordon, hurt badly by falling timbers.  
Mrs. W. P. Walton and child, considerably scared and cut.  
J. C. Lamkin, cut in face.  
J. T. Wilson, mangled in arm.  
V. C. Yanis, cut in face.  
BUSINESS HOUSES DEMOLISHED.  
J. T. Wilson & Co., dry goods.  
C. M. Kelly, druggist.  
W. D. Rembert, hardware.  
J. T. Wood, clothing.  
B. T. Bellamy, boots and shoes.  
G. Persinger, livery stable.  
A. H. Elsen, groceries.  
Meyer & Duensing, dry goods.  
J. G. Tooley, groceries.  
W. S. Smith, lumber yard.  
Beatty & Russell, livery stable.  
W. A. Freburg, barber shop.  
G. J. Rice, Brownsville Hotel.  
B. W. Robinson, dry goods.  
J. J. Thorn, druggist.  
Brownsville Savings Bank.  
City Hotel.  
Miss Jennie Achamire, millinery.  
Harris Sisters, millinery.  
Phillip Hartman, saloon.  
Forbes & Goode, groceries.  
Weekly & Sweeney, groceries.  
Mrs. McConnell, milliner.  
Rufus E. Smith, grocery.  
John McGinnis, restaurant.  
J. C. Lamkin, groceries.  
Alex. Haas, clothing.  
Sims Bros. & Spurgin, wagon factory.  
T. C. Andrews, boots and shoes.  
Steers & Sweeney, Gem City Mills.  
Collins & Johns, livery stable.  
Public School building—school having been dismissed only 20 minutes before the cyclone came.

DWELLING HOUSES WRECKED.  
William Spurgin, M. L. Laughlin, N. F. Andrews, J. T. Campbell, R. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Boggs, J. Shaw, Tol. Hicklin, Mrs. R. G. Collier, A. J. Tisdale, J. T. Lamtrout, J. S. Waybright, J. L. Lamkins, Mrs. M. E. Harris, James Wells, G. W. Shearman, Matt Bucherts, J. Woolf, M. Merrill, S. B. Spates, M. M. Weekly, Mrs. Eakles, J. P. Crawford, J. W. Marshall, W. G. Buckner, W. P. Parker, J. L. Ferguson, and the Christian Church.  
The destruction of property is estimated at \$250,000.

Relief of any kind that can be extended will be most thankfully received and judiciously applied. All donations sent to Mason G. Brown, Cashier Brownsville Savings Bank, will be put into the hands of a committee and distributed to the homeless and destitute.

Brownsville is crushed now, but she is worth a dozen dead towns yet. We mourn the death of several good citizens, wreck and ruin is strewn all about us, but the heart and soul of the community abide here still, and after a brief period of gloom and despondency will, we hope, once more, backed by the warm human sympathy and encouragement which never fail in the hour of a mighty disaster like this, go forward with renewed energy to build up the waste places and make Brownsville what her position and surroundings will compel her to become—a thriving and beautiful city in the midst of an intelligent, prosperous and contented people.

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Prof. Williams saw it approaching and hastily dismissed school, saving the lives of one hundred and fifty children, for the school building was crushed in by the storm—imagine the gratitude of the parents. Prof. Williams went four blocks towards the approaching cloud to ascertain its character, which was soon determined as he saw a mist between the cloud and the earth and saw the funnel shaped twisting tongue come down. Flashes of lightning were frequent through the cloud, and a fearful roar that drowned the crash of falling walls and flying timbers. A ball of red fire was seen in the cloud by two persons.

Its color was that usually described and those who were in the midst of it state that the atmosphere was also of that lurid, greenish, yellowish hue. There was no rain or hail, yet all sides of the buildings were sprinkled with bluish mud. The cloud reached the earth in the south of west part of the town, moved to the northeast, swept away three frame buildings, where it first came down, tore an apple tree, 18 inches in diameter, straight up by the roots and crashed and blackened the tips of the leaves.  
Fifty-two good, substantial buildings were destroyed. Some old frame buildings were uninjured and brick stores adjoining them torn down to the foundation.  
Young Mr. Parsons was killed by a cow being blown against him.  
Trees were found lying in every direction. One house was carried ten feet, lifted in the air four or five feet and strewn over a field towards the southeast. A picket fence and rickety gate in front were uninjured. One hundred feet south of it a building was scattered east of north, and between them another was spread to the east. A tall silver poplar tree had the top limbs broken off and denuded of bark, otherwise uninjured. Twenty-five feet east of it a house was scattered like a pack of cards thrown.

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A number of bottles, found uncorked and unbroken, in the destroyed brick buildings, broke into very small fragments when touched. This was thought so remarkable that an affidavit was made of it. Words cannot picture the ruin, but the people are up and doing—gathering what is left and getting ready to rebuild. The school will open in another building in a short time, and as one gentleman said: "We will make a town of this place yet."

There have been a great many stories as to the amount of plunder secured by the James boys in their robberies, some accounts placing the aggregate as high as a half million dollars. There is no way of determining the amount accurately. In most instances express companies do not give explicit information, and passengers who are robbed will, from various motives, give untrue statements as to their losses. A list of the robberies most generally ascribed to the Missouri gang is given below with the amount officially or unofficially declared to have been realized. It is not to be supposed that the James boys participated in all, but all those in the list are circumstantially traceable to either them or some of their confederates. For instance, the Big Springs robbery was committed by the Sam Bass gang. There is no particular reason to connect the James boys with it, but Jim Berry, an old Quantrell guerrilla and a chum of the James's, was in it and was killed while resisting arrest. In the list here given the amounts so far as possible are taken from reports of the robberies published in the newspapers of the towns where they occurred. The sum total is big enough.

Liberty, Mo., Jan. 20, 1868...\$ 72,000  
Richmond, Mo., 1867...4,000  
Russellville, Ky., March 20, 1868...14,000  
Gallatin, Dec. 7, 1868...4,500  
Corydon, Iowa, June 3, 1871...6,500  
Columbia, Ky., April 29, 1872...2,500  
Kansas City Fair, Sept. 26, 1873...978  
St. Genevieve, Mo., May 17, 1873...3,500  
Jesse James robbery July 21, 1873...2,000  
Hot Springs stage Jan. 15, 1874...5,000  
Gads Hill, Mo., Jan. 31, 1874...5,000  
Corinth, Miss., 1873...10,000  
Muncie, Ind., 1873...30,000  
Huntington, W. Va., Sept. 1875...10,000  
Baxter Springs, Kan., April 18, 1876...3,000  
Ottawa, Mo., July 7, 1876...15,000  
Northfield, Minn., Sept. 1876...4,000  
Big Springs, Nebraska, Sept. 18, 1877...6,000  
Glendale, Cal., Aug. 8, 1878...6,000  
Whitewater, Mo., July 4, 1881...4,000  
Blue Cut, Sept. 7, 1881...16,000

Total...\$263,778

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The Mexico High School will give its annual exhibition, for the benefit of the Public School Library, Friday evening, May 5. The admission will be, for gallery, 15 cents; general admission, 25 cents; reserved seats, 35 cents. In addition to the programme, which promises to be very entertaining, Prof. Carnes, the well-known elocutionist, will give at least two select readings.

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Salutatory, Miss Mattie Shea.  
Declaration.....H. J. Wigginton.  
"Course of Regulus."  
Song.....By the Scholars.  
AFFIRMATIVE. NEGATIVE.  
Benj. Philip. C. O. Harding.  
W. B. Thomas. E. B. Beagan.  
Resolved, That the City of Mexico should issue bonds to the amount of \$25,000 to establish a complete system of waterworks.  
SONG.  
Recitation.....Miss Florence Patton.  
"No Sails in Heaven."  
Presentation of Speaker's Medal to J. T. Beagan by F. B. Jesse.  
Recitation.....Miss Vida Kernan.  
"Angels of Buena Vista."  
Concert Recitation, Tenyson's "Bugle."  
Recitation.....Miss Eva White.  
"Will The New Year Come To-Night."  
Mauna 'Ua.  
Declaration.....G. A. Salling.  
"Uncle Sam's Apparition."  
SONG.  
Valedictory.....Miss Nannie Wright.  
SONG.

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